

# Financial Aid News



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## Issue 20 — February 28, 2003

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### Legislative update

Lawmakers this week introduced more bills with financial aid implications.

House Bill 2113 would permit, but not require, four-year public institutions to adopt tuition refund policies that mirror "the formula used to calculate the amount returned to the federal government." The permitted policy could be applied to all students.

Two bills address current military personnel and veterans.

House Bill 2092 requires that military personnel called to duty in the Persian Gulf in the middle of a term receive a tuition refund or a one-term exemption from tuition and fees for later use. It also expands the definition of Persian Gulf veteran.

House Bill 2089 creates a new veterans tuition waiver statute that replaces existing law. It requires waivers for veterans of wars and — when a veteran is killed, missing, disabled, or held as a prisoner of war — for their spouses and children.

For information about these or other bills, contact us (360) 753-7850.

## Persian Gulf military personnel are exempt from SNG repayments

Students called to active military duty in the Persian Gulf, or in support of Persian Gulf operations, are excused from State Need Grant (SNG) repayments. The applicable state statutes are: RCW 28B.10.017, RCW 28B.10.808, and RCW 28B.10.8081. The statutes are online at [RCW 28.B](#). If you have questions, contact Chris Leeper at [chrisl@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:chrisl@hecb.wa.gov) or (360) 753-7840.

## Legislative hearings on financial aid and select higher education issues — March 3 – 7

### Monday, March 3, 2003

Senate Higher Education Committee, 1:30 p.m., Senate Hearing Room 3

Public Hearing

Possible Executive Session, including:

- PSSB 5448 – establishing institutional tuition-setting authority
- PSSB 5660 – creating a new financial aid program for students with dependents
- SB 5676 – changing provisions in the EOG program
- SB 5864 – allowing GED recipients to qualify for the Promise Scholarship

House Children and Family Services, 1:30 p.m., House Hearing Room D (TVW)

Public Hearing:

- HB 2041 – clarifying the work study aspect of “work activity” under TANF

### Tuesday, March 4, 2003

House Higher Education Committee, 10 a.m., House Hearing Room D (TVW)

Public Hearing, including:

- HB 2111 – Authorizing performance contracts between the state and public colleges and universities
- HB 2113 – regarding tuition refunds for federal aid recipients who withdraw from institutions of higher education

### Wednesday, March 5, 2003

House Higher Education Committee, 1:30 p.m., House Hearing Room D

Public Hearing, including:

- HB 2092 – regarding tuition refund and waiver provisions for students on active duty in the Persian Gulf

## Online resources for tracking and analyzing legislation

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Full text of bills and supporting materials:

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/bills.cfm>

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Complete legislative hearing schedule:

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/calendar.cfm>

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Live and archived Web broadcast of all hearings:

<http://www.tvw.org>

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HECB 2003 legislative session site:

<http://www.hecb.wa.gov/Leg/index.asp>

## Bills of interest by subject

### Bill numbers

Senate  
House

### Sponsors

### Description

#### Washington Promise Scholarship

<b>SSB 5138</b>	Carlson	Allows any student who meets the standard on the reading and math components of the high school Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) to qualify academically for the Promise Scholarship
<b>SB 5864</b>	Shin, Carlson	Allows some recipients of GED certificates to be eligible for Promise scholarships; recipients must meet family income criteria, be 21 years old or younger at time of application, and achieve a SAT composite score of at least 1200 or an ACT composite score of at least 27 on their first attempt
<b>HB 1706</b>	Mastin, Grant	Changes Promise Scholarship eligibility from students who demonstrate high school academic success to students "who have overcome personal or financial barriers and show promise to succeed" in college

#### Educational Opportunity Grant

<b>SB 5676</b>	Kohl-Welles	Change elements of the Educational Opportunity Grant program; financially needy placebound residents from all of the state's 39 counties may be eligible; recipients could attend branch campuses
<b>HB 1731</b>	Kenney, Cox	

#### Conditional scholarships for prospective teachers

<b>SB 5420</b>	McAuliffe	Creates conditional scholarship program for prospective special education teachers
<b>HB 1763</b>	Berkey, Jarrett	Provides conditional scholarship for prospective teachers pursuing certificates in mathematics, science, technology, special education, or bilingual education

#### Financial aid carry-forward

<b>HB 1123</b>	Kenney, Cox	Ensures that unspent financial aid funds at the end of a fiscal year are preserved for financial aid purposes through the creation of a dedicated account
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#### Financial aid refunds

<b>HB 2113</b>	Morrell, Cox	Permits four-year public institutions to adopt tuition refund policies that reduce aid recipients' liability in required repayments of federal aid
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#### Other financial aid and tuition waiver proposals

<b>SB 5004</b>	Jacobsen	Creates an endowed scholarship for Hispanic American students
<b>SB 5189</b>	Benton	Exempts veterans of the Korean conflict (active duty from 1950-55) from tuition increases
<b>SB 5249</b>	Kohl-Welles, Shin	Establishes the Higher Education for Lifelong Progress (HELP) program, which would provide grants to assist college-eligible Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) recipients for up to two years of higher education; allows participation in the HELP program to count toward TANF work requirements
<b>SB 5357</b>	West, Sheahan	Authorizes tuition waivers on a space-available basis for children of faculty at institutions of higher education
<b>SB 5405</b>	Jacobsen	Permits a limited number of students to use their State Need Grant awards out of state at select historically black colleges
<b>SB 5476</b>	Haugen	Exempt the surviving spouses and children of certain law enforcement officers or firefighters from paying tuition and fees
<b>HB 1486</b>	O'Brien	
<b>PSSB 5660</b>	Kohl-Welles, Carlson	Create a supplemental educational assistance grant program for State Need Grant eligible students with dependents; private sources would fund the program
<b>HB 1277</b>	Kenney, Cox	
<b>HB 2089</b>	McCoy, Wallace	Creates a new veterans tuition waiver statute to replace existing law; requires waivers for veterans of wars and, under some circumstances, for their children and spouses
<b>HB 2092</b>	Condotta, Bailey	Requires that enrolled military personnel called to duty in the Persian Gulf in the middle of an academic term receive a tuition refund or a one-term exemption from tuition and fees during a later term; expands definition of Persian Gulf veteran

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#### TANF and WorkFirst related proposals

<b>SB 5249</b>	Kohl-Welles, Shin	Establishes the Higher Education for Lifelong Progress (HELP) program, which would provide grants to assist college-eligible Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) recipients for up to two years of higher education; allows participation in the HELP program to count toward TANF work requirements
<b>SB 5294</b>  <b>HB 2041</b>	Kohl-Welles, Regala  Kenney, Boldt	Allow students enrolled in a postsecondary program and earning their full federal or state work study awards to count as full-time WorkFirst participants for a period of up to 24 months

#### Proposals concerning the Higher Education Coordinating Board

<b>SB 5136</b>	Carlson, Schmidt	Expands membership of the Higher Education Coordinating Board to include the Superintendent of Public Instruction
<b>HB 2076</b>	Kenney, Cox, Fromhold	Replaces Board's current mandate to develop a state master plan for higher education every four years with new guidelines to develop a strategic plan for higher education; authorizes a joint legislative committee to examine and make recommendations for changing or reassigning Board responsibilities, including the administration of financial aid and other programs

#### Tuition and residency

<b>SSB 5135</b>	Carlson, Kohl-Welles	Requires students with an excess of 120 percent of the credits required for a degree or certificate to pay tuition equivalent to the full cost of instruction
<b>SSB 5158</b>	Carlson, McAuliffe	Authorizes resident tuition for certain undocumented students residing in Washington; student must have lived in Washington three years prior to graduation and spend full senior year of high school in the state; similar, though not a companion to HB 1079

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<b>EHB 1079</b>	Kenney, Cox	Authorizes resident tuition for certain undocumented students residing in Washington; student must have attended at least three years of high school in the state; similar, though not a companion to SSB 5158
<b>PSSB 5448</b>	Carlson, Kohl-Welles	Make permanent institutional tuition-setting authority for all but resident undergraduates; existing authority expires June 30, 2003
<b>HB 1437</b>	Kenney, Cox	
<b>HB 1997</b>	Cox, Priest	Addresses over-enrollment management issues at institutions by clarifying and tightening the definition of residency and by requiring that tuition equal the full cost of instruction for students (1) with an excess of credits required for graduation, (2) who fall below full-time status during an academic term, or (3) who are readmitted to an institution after being disenrolled for poor academic performance

### Other higher education proposals

<b>SB 5010</b>	Jacobsen	Authorizes branch campuses to offer lower-division coursework
<b>SB 5137</b>	Carlson	Specifies that students who meet 10th-grade reading and math standards on the Washington Assessment of Student Learning [WASL] shall be deemed to have met the state's general undergraduate admission requirements
<b>SB 5139</b>	Carlson	Requires school districts to bear the cost of instruction for remedial postsecondary education course work, including student tuition
<b>SB 5241</b>	Kohl-Welles, Carlson	Requires that the state budget provide funding for actual enrollments at public institutions; includes provisions for additional financial aid funding based on increases in enrollments and the costs of attendance
<b>SB 5902</b>	Kohl-Welles	Creates a state income tax for individuals with incomes of \$500,000 or more, families with incomes of \$1 million or more; revenue would be earmarked for K-12 and higher education

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<b>HB 1934</b>	McCoy	Prohibits the administration of credit card applications on higher education campuses
<b>HB 2111</b>	Priest, Jarrett	Authorizes performance contracts between the state and institutions of higher education